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SUBJ: QADHAFI IN CAIRO PRESS: ROSE AL-YUSUF INTERVIEW

1. SUMMARY. CAIRO PRESS OVER WEEKEND HAS CONSIDERABLE REPORTING ON LIBYA, BUT AVOIDS STRIDENT ATTACKS. QADHAFI IN INTERVIEW WITH LEFTIST EGYPTIAN WEEKLY SOUNDS UNUSALLY CONCILIATORY: LIBYA WOULD NOT EVER FIGHT EGYPT, SADAT IS "MY FATHER," MRS. SADAT IS MY "ELDER SISTER." SADAT AND QAHAFI COULD SOLVE PROBLEMS IF INTREGUERS SUCH AS FAHMY DID NOT MEDDLE, AND "WITHOUT EGYPT WE ARE NOTHING". END SUMMARY.

2. CAIRO PRESS SEPTEMBER 7 HAS SEVERAL ITEMS ON LIBYA BUT NO DIRECT EDITORIAL ATTACKS. MORNING NEWS IS THAT HEAD OF LIBYAN RELATIONS OFFICE DEPARTED EGYPT PREVIOUS DAY FOR TRIPOLI, BUT
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THERE IS NO SPECULATION AS TO WHETHER HE PLANS TO COME BACK.

3. TRIAL OF HIJACKERS ACCUSED OF SEIZING EGYPT AIR PLANE OVER LUXOR AT LARG INSTIGATION BEGAN TODAY (FOREIGN JOURNALISTS IN ATTENDENCE) AND PRESS ALSO BANNERS ARREST OF FOUR INDIVIDUALS ACCUSED IN ALEXANDRIA TRIAN EXPLOSION LAST MONTH. THE FOUR, NAMED AS GIBRIL SA'ID, SABIR GALI IBRAHIM, JUM'A HUMAIDA AL-ZA'IL, AND SA'ID, SALIM AL-SAWI, ARE SAID TO HAVE BEEN RECRUITED BY LIBYAN INTELLIGENCE OFFICER IDRIS AL-SHIHABI AND TRAINED AT A CAMP NEAR TOBRUK, WHERE THEY WERE PAID 200 LIBYAN DINARS AND PROMISED 2000 MORE.

4. ACCORDING TO GUMHURIYYA, LIBYA HAS WITHDRAWN HER COMPLAINT TO ARAB LEAGUE THAT EGYPT HAS CONCENTRATED MILITARY FORCES ON HER BORDER AND ITEM WAS STRUCK OFF ARAB LEAGUE COUNCIL'S AGENDA.

5. SOVIETS GET WORSE PRESS THAN LIBYANS. AKHBAR'S MUSA SABRI HAS SHRILL COMMENTARY ABOUT PRAVDA'S SUPPORT FOR LARG. AHRAM SEPTEMBER 6 REPORTED FONMIN FAHMY HAD THREE-HOUR ARGUMENT BEGINNING AT HIS OFFICE AND CONTINUING ON AT VIETNAMESE REPECTION WITH SOVIET CHARGE RE SOVIETS PRODDING LIBYA TOWARD EXTREMISM.

6. MOST INTRIGUING READING OF THE WEEK HAS NOT BEEN IN DAILIES BUT IN ROSE AL-YUSUF. INTERVIEW WITH QADHAFI BY ABD AL-SATTAR AL-TAWILA, PROMINENT MARXIST JOURNALIST, SHOWS QADHAFI IN APPARENTLY CONCILIATORY MOOD. SAMPLES:

A. NO LIBYAN SABOTAGE. IT IS EGYPTIAN SECURITY AGENTS, NOT LIBYANS, WHO HAVE UNDERTAKEN SABOTAGE OPERATIONS IN EGYPT.

B. MAHYSHI RETURN NECESSARY. LIBYAN OFFICERS ACTING ON THEIR OWN, NOT ON QADHAFI'S ORDERS, WERE RESPONSIBLE FOR ATTEMPT ASSASSINATE MAHAYSHI. NO RAPPROCHEMENT POSSIBLE UNTIL LATTER IS TURNED OVER TO TRIPOLI.

C. LIBYA WILL NOT FIGHT EGYPT. SINCE "LIBYAN TERRITORY IS EGYPT'S TERRITORY," EGYPTIAN ARMY ADVANCE ON LIBYA LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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WOULD NOT BE OPPOSED. "EGYPTIAN INTELLIGENCE" TELLS SADAT THAT QADHAFI IS HATED BY LIBYANS, BUT THIS IS NONSENSE. QADHAFI SAID AN EGYPTIAN MARCH ON LIBYA WOULD NOT BE OPPOSED BECAUSE ARMY WOULD BE ENTERING "ITS OWN LAND." WHEN QADHAFI HEARD OF EGYPTIAN CONCENTRATIONS ON BORDER HE "ORDERED LIBYAN FORCES TO WITHDRAW TOWARD INTERIOR SO THAT THERE WOULD BE NO FRICTION."

D. SADAT IS MY FATHER. PRESIDENT SADAT REFUSES TO COOPERATE WITH ME. THERE ARE FORCES WORKING TO PREVENT COOPERATION AND THEY INCLUDE ISMAIL FAHMY, WHO IS AGAINST ANY REUNION BETWEEN EGYPT AND LIBYA. "DESPITE OUR DIFFERENCES I STILL CONSIDER SADAT MY FATHER." AND CAN NEVER FORGET HOW HE RECEIVED ME AS HIS SON IN HIS HOME. "MY WIFE TELLS ME I SHOULD BE BEATEN FOR NOT ENDING FEUD. REVERSING HIS RADIO STATION'S MUCH DISSEMINATED VIEWS OF MRS. SADAT AS THE "CLEOPATRA OF THE NILE," QADHAFI ADDS THAT HIS WIFE SAYS MRS. SADAT HAS OPENED MRS. QADHAFI'S EYES TO REAL LIFE. FOR QADHAFI, MRS SADAT IS LIKE AN "ELDER SISTER."

E. RECONCILIATION. QADHAFI NEEDS "ONLY FIVE HOURS WITH SADAT" BUT THEY MUST BE IN A NEUTRAL COUNTRY AND WITHOUT MEDIATOR--A NEUTRAL COUNTRY BECAUSE WHEN SHAIKH ZAYID TRIED TO MEDIATE (AUGUST 74), EGYPTIANS MADE QADHAFI RID IN "AN OLD CAR" WHILE ZAYID HAD A MOTORCADE.

F. LIBYAN ARMS AT EGYPTIAN DISPOSAL. QADHAFI SAID HE DOES NOT ATTACK SADAT AND HE DOES NOT WANT TO "BREAK THE HAIR OF MU'AWIYA (I.E., ALLUSION IS TO 7TH CENTURY SAYING RE IMPORTANCE EXERTING ALL EFFORTS TO MAINTAIN RELATIONS). ASKED WHY HE DID NOT STRENGTHEN THE SLENDER "HAIR" BY PROVIDING AID, QADHAFI SAID "SURELY THIS IS MATTER WHICH NEED NOT BE PUT INTO WORDS--EGYPT IS OUR HOME LAND." WITHOUT EGYPT, "WE ARE NOTHING." AID PROJECT WERE "FROZEN" BY SADAT; THEY INCLUDED "TAXI AND BUS PROJECTS". INTERVIEWER SAID WHAT ABOUT REAL AID, SUCH AS PARTICIPATION IN GODE, TO WHICH QADHAFI REPLIED "WE ARE READY TO DO ANYTHING THAT EGYPT ASKS BUT SADAT CLOSES THE DOOR IN MY FACE AND INTRIGUERS COME BETWEEN US."

&. CIA AND EGYPT. INTERVIEWER TAWILA (WHO IS CLOSE TO LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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SOVIETS), ASKING ABOUT SUDAN, CLIMED THAT THE AGENTS OF INSURRECTION WERE CIA AGENTS. LATER IN INTERVIEW, QADHAFI REMARKED THAT WHEN EGYPTIAN PRESS ATTACKES HIS RELATIONSHIP WITH THE SOVIETS HE WONDERS IF THIS IS AT THE INSTIGATION OF THE AMERICANS--"HAS YOUR PRESS BECOME THE SPOKESMAN FOR AMERICAN?"

7. IN ARTICLE FOLLOWING INTERVIEW, MANAGING EDITOR SALAH HAFIZ DEBUNKS VARIOUS OF QADHAFI'S POINTS, USING MATERIAL FROM ROSE AL-YUSUF'S "SECRET ARCHIVES." HE CLAIMS VARIOUS AREMS WHTICH QADHAFI CLAIMED HE SENT TO HELP EGYPT DURING OCTOBER WAR (TANKS, CROTALE MISSILES, MIRAGES AND ARTILLERY) EITHER ARRIVED TOO LATE OR WERE RETURNED BY EGYPT AFTER ZAYID'S MEDIATION (AUGUST 74). AS FOR SABOTAGE, QADHAFI, DESPITE HIS TALK, IS BEHIND IT THOUGH HE SENT MININT KHAWALDI TO GENEVA BEFORE LUXOR HIJACKING

SO THAT HE WOULD NOT LEARN ABOUT OPERATION. FURTHERMORE,
QADHAFI DID NOT PAY ONE PIASTER OF THE TEN MILLION DOLLARS
HE PROMISED IN RABAT.

8. COMMENT: DATE OF INTERVIEW IS NOT REVEALED BUT IT IS
PRESUMABLY WITHIN LAST WEEK OR SO. UNLESS HE IS BLUFFING,
QADHAFI SEEMS TO BEND OVER BACKWARD TO APPEAR RESONABLE AND
PACIFIC. WHATEVER REASSURANCES HE MAY OR MAY NOT HAVE RECEIVED
FROM MOSCOW, WE READ THE INTERVIEW AS QADHAFI RUNNING A LITTLE
SCARED.
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